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I. Proposed Research Projects for Social Science Research Group

I. and II. Communications Manuals for Strategic Areas

These projects are of interest to ORR and would be particularly useful to the Communications Branch in determining the following:

1. Availability and serviceability of existing mass telecommunications facilities.
2. Data on particular micro-economic aspects of communications.
3. Growth and trend data for the purpose of projecting future economic growth and capabilities.
4. Background for more empirical and scientific determination and evaluation of current economic indications of Sino-Soviet capabilities and intentions.

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III. Case Histories of Communist Liquidation of Selected Civilian and Military Leaders

In addition to yielding propaganda value, a project on case histories of liquidated leaders in Communist countries could also contribute to an understanding of Soviet policy. The changing fortunes of Communist leaders in Hungary and East Germany (and, to a lesser extent, elsewhere in the Soviet Bloc) have appeared to indicate the various "sigs and sags" taken by world Communism. For example, an understanding of the present "Nagy incident" in Hungary would furnish, it is believed, some clue to Soviet plans for the European Satellites. Apparently, when changes in policy occur, the individual associated with the former policy is repudiated since the Party and the government cannot be held responsible for errors committed. Marxism-Leninism holds itself to be infallible. Impending policy revisions, therefore, may frequently be communicated indirectly through the changing fortunes of key political figures. More information on this subject would be helpful.

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IV. A. Special Case Study of Communist Controls in Vietnamese Areas
Formerly Held by the Communists

This study could be of value to ORR, provided it does not attempt to generalize too freely from situations of guerrilla occupation and control to the more permanent developments which may be taking place in North Vietnam proper. Specific subjects of interest to ORR include the description and evaluation of such economic control mechanisms as collection of rice and other supplies for the military or for tax purposes; requisitions of labor, wage and price control, etc.

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V. An Extension of the TICK Study [REDACTED]

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It is difficult to discuss this proposal with no knowledge of the TICK study. However, this office is interested in all information that can be obtained on Chinese Communist control techniques and procedures -- particularly in the economic field. Since it becomes increasingly evident that the long-range economic plans of the Chinese Communists will involve heavy sacrifices from large segments of the Chinese population, knowledge of the effectiveness of these control techniques and procedures is an important intelligence target in evaluating the probable success of the economic plans and in estimating the probable course of action of the regime.

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II. AFDDP Proposal for Research on Soviet Population

A. The project on Preparation of Population Projections thru 1975 was originally undertaken at the request of CIA and the present proposal is to make necessary revisions in these estimates.

B. Studies along the suggested lines would contribute, inter alia, to a better understanding of cost, efficiency, and productivity factors and trends in the various sectors of Soviet industry. They might also lead to a clearer definition of "administrative-management" personnel and of "direct production," "auxiliary," and other categories of workers. Such studies should also assist in providing indicators of changes of relative emphasis on various sections of heavy, medium, and consumer goods industry, which, in turn, would throw light on Soviet intentions and capabilities.

The third suggestion -- estimates of the patterns of location and concentration of industrial employment -- might also be of particular value. It could provide one of several means of analyzing the vital matter of industrial location policy and trends, which has very significant economic as well as strategic aspects. Some of the suggestions in the field of urban and regional studies could also contribute to these, as well as other research objectives. Some eastern sections of the RSFSR, as well as the five Central Asian Republics, might be included within the scope of such studies.

CIA has expressed a strong interest in the Subtopics for Industrial Distribution and Occupational Distribution.

Since it appears that the scope of the project is too broad to be covered in a year it would be useful to other intelligence agencies to have a schedule of priorities and due dates.

The broad statement of scope indicates possibilities of duplication of work already done or planned in other intelligence agencies. It is therefore suggested that the details of the work schedule be periodically reviewed by the EIC Subcommittee on Population and Manpower.

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